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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF AFGHANISTAN

IPF: (1992-96) $70 039 000

(AFG/88/001) - Rural Rehabilitation in Southern and Eastern Afghanistan - (Supplementary Assistance)

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	12 August 1992
Expected duration:	Five years
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Lead Government Authority:	Ministry of Planning
Implementing Agents:	NGOs and Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 5 000 000 Source of funds: IPF
Previous UNDP budget:	$13 500 000
Third-party cost-sharing:	$ 7 465 000 Source of funds: UNOCA/ Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund
Additional cost-sharing:	$ 100 000 Source of funds: UNOCA
Total UNDP budget:	$18 500 000
Total project budget:	$26 065 000

Project background

Rural Afghanistan has been devastated by war over the last 14 years. A large group of the population, nearly five and a half million Afghans have had to flee their country and seek refuge in Pakistan and Iran. Another two million people were internally displaced. The rural economy has been severely crippled; and most roads, bridges, irrigation systems, drinking water and sanitation facilities, schools, clinics, bazaars and dwellings have been damaged, destroyed or have become unusable due to lack of repair or maintenance. Agricultural production has declined significantly; and the country's livestock, traditionally a major element in the rural economy, has been severely affected, both in terms of reduced numbers and declining productivity due to lack of veterinary services.

Since April 1989, UNDP, together with other United Nations agencies, has been assisting in rehabilitation work inside Afghanistan. The main vehicle for delivering UNDP rehabilitation assistance has been this project entitled "Rural Rehabilitation and Reconstruction: Support to NGOs", with additional inputs from UNOCA. It has been a principal component of UNDP's strategy for rehabilitation in Afghanistan entailing progressive penetration of rural areas, addressing key rehabilitation problems with an emphasis on achieving immediate, positive and visible results.Rehabilitation activities under this project have been carried out in areas where the

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Government in Kabul had no presence through the contracted services of NGOs, both international and Afghan, operating inside Afghanistan across the Pakistan border from Peshawar and Quetta.

As of 31 May 1992, 222 sub-projects, with an aggregate value of $11.1 million, had been approved for funding under the project. Of these, sub-projects dealing with agriculture accounted for $4.16 million, veterinary services $4.163 million, water supply $1.41 million and roads $0.785 million. Field work has been completed on 138 sub-projects, with a total value of $4.998 million.

Description of project

The main objective of the project is the creation of conditions conducive to the return and rehabilitation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan and Iran through the restoration of basic rural infrastructure and capacity for food production in Southern and Eastern Afghanistan.

Responding to the rapidly evolving situation in Afghanistan since April 1992 with the establishment of an Interim Government, the overall thrust of the rehabilitation assistance will be modified as necessary to provide maximum possible support for repatriated refugees and internally displaced persons to return to their villages. This substantive revision will incorporate the decisions and recommendations which came out of the Internal Review held on 10 June 1992 and the RBAP PAC of 14 July 1992.

The title of the project is now changed to "Rural Rehabilitation in Southern and Eastern Afghanistan", increasing coverage to 20 provinces and extending the duration until 31 March 1993. By that time, the UNDP-led Rehabilitation Strategy formulation exercise will have been completed and the report released. It will complement activities in the rest of the country under the project (AFG/90/007) Rural Rehabilitation in Northern, Western and Central Afghanistan. Security permitting, the Programme Manager will be relocated in Kabul and technical personnel from the Peshawar and Quetta offices to appropriate locations in southern and eastern Afghanistan. Project activities will concentrate on water supply and sanitation, irrigation, agricultural rehabilitation and veterinary services. No new road repair and rehabilitation activities will be approved, except those already included in the 1992 workplan. The project will coordinate the UNOCA-funded Disabled Afghans Project (DAP) and closely collaborate with UNDCP in poppy growing areas, as well as with the Women in Development expert to be hired under AFG/90/007 who will provide technical advice and support to ensure women's concerns and perspectives are adequately reflected in mainstream activities of the project AFG/88/001.

Inputs

UNDP will provide extension of the services of selected international and national professional personnel and local administrative and secretarial support staff up to 31 March 1993 with a total of 416 work-months; subcontracts according to the supplementary Work Plan bringing the total number of subcontracts to over 300; training; equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	261 500
Subcontract	4 593 800
Training	6 200
Equipment	28 500
Miscellaneous	110 000
Total	5 000 000

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